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**2. NASR REPORTEDLY WOULD ACCEPT 12-NATION
OVERSEER BOARD ON SUEZ**

Nasr is willing to accept a compromise on the Suez Canal issue which would include a 12-nation commission to oversee operation of the canal, but which would

have no direct operating responsibility.

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The suggested commission would be composed of six permanent members chosen from the major maritime powers and six members chosen in rotation from among the "lesser powers."

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4. **MOLLET MAY RESIGN IF SUEZ
OUTCOME UNSATISFACTORY**

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Premier Mollet's personal spokesman told American officials in Paris on 16 August that Mollet feels he would have to resign if the Suez crisis were not resolved to France's satisfaction.

The spokesman said Mollet believes an unsatisfactory outcome of the London conference would undermine France's determination to fight in Algeria and that twin defeats on Suez and Algeria would lead to a real crisis for the Fourth Republic.

The American embassy cautions that while this interpretation may be unduly pessimistic, it reflects the views of many responsible Frenchmen. The embassy believes the growing dissatisfaction with the Algerian campaign in France is apt to increase sharply if prospects for an end to the fighting become worse.

Comment

France reacted strongly to the Suez crisis, fearing that another boost to Nasr's leadership would markedly stiffen Moslem resistance to France in Algeria. Should the outcome heighten Nasr's prestige, those who favor an early end to the war in Algeria might gain the upper hand in the National Assembly.

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6. TERRORISTS ON CYPRUS ASK FOR TRUCE

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The American consulate general in Nicosia reports that the Cypriot nationalist organization EOKA, which asked for a truce on 16 August "to test the sincerity" of Britain, has not condemned violence and is ready to resume operations if the British response is not favorable.

The consul general says EOKA may be asking for a truce because the security forces have been making progress against its members and many Cypriots are beginning to be disillusioned with its methods.

Greek officials in Athens were taken by surprise by EOKA's action, and the Cyprus ethnarchy representative in Athens also claims to have had no prior knowledge that a truce was to be called. Prime Minister Karamanlis, although pleased at the improved prospects for settling the dispute, has complained that his government should have been consulted so it could have laid the diplomatic groundwork for American support of compromise attempts.

Cypriot nationalists still maintain that Makarios must be consulted in any planning for the future of the island and probably hope that the British will now return him from exile.

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8. CZECH COMMUNIST PARTY REJECTS POLISH TYPE OF "LIBERATION"

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The central committee of the Czecho-
slovak Communist Party, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] recently instructed

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[REDACTED] editors that an incorrect interpretation
of the Soviet 20th Party Congress had led to serious mistakes
in Poland and Hungary which, it implied, must be corrected.
The central committee warned that the Poznan riots and other
events in Poland "teach us a lesson" as to how the "class
enemy" exploits weaknesses, such as Poland's "reckless am-
nesty."

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According to the central committee's in-
structions, Yugoslavia is not to be taken as a model; wage
questions must be handled cautiously, as improvements evoke
pressure for more concessions; the bureaucracy should not
be attacked in general but only in concrete terms; decentraliza-
tion is not a panacea and centralization is not bad per se; agri-
cultural collectivization must be speeded up; and the press must
weed out numerous "incompetents."

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Comment

The regime in Prague is still concerned
over dissidence, and these instructions
support earlier indications that concessions will be kept to a
minimum. The Czech implication that the Polish and Hungarian
parties must rectify their post-congress "errors" gains interest
from the fact that both parties have continued, and possibly ac-
celerated, their liberalization programs.

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The Syrian defense minister has publicly stated that King Hussain has accepted an offer from Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia to help equip the Jordanian National Guard in building up its defense against Israel. According to the Syrian official, this is separate from a previous offer to replace the British subsidy and provides for aid on a permanent and unconditional basis. [REDACTED]

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Israel has doubled and in some cases tripled its production of "military items," according to an official public announcement. [REDACTED]

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